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# TECH NEWS



VOL. 2.—NO 30.

WORCESTER, MASS., WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1911

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## W. P. I. VS. BROWN AND TRINITY

### Tech's Chances at the Track Meet Saturday

#### Mass Meeting Friday Night

Last Saturday Brown competed against M. I. T., resulting in an overwhelming defeat for the former, Tech scoring 94 points to Brown's 32.

The whole meet was nearly all M. I. T.'s, for Tabor's win of the mile and Bartlett's win of the hammer were the only two first places credited to the wearers of the brown.

Leaving Trinity out of the question, it looks as if our chances were good for a win. Bartlett's distance of 42 ft. 11 in. in the shot-put puts him down for first place in pushing the pill, but his distance of 126 ft. 11 1/2 in. in the hammer does not give him a monopoly in that event. Tabor's sensational win of the mile in 4 min. 34 1/2 sec. by a powerful sprint at the finish, does not weaken our confidence in Dick Keith's taking a first in this event, for Keith has a record of 4 min. 30 sec., made two years ago, and his form in the class games showed that he had lost none of his old-time form and speed. Moreover, Dick beat Tabor once in the Brown interscholastics when they were both prep school runners, and he can do it again.

Judging from the times made by Brown against M. I. T. and our times in the class games, not forgetting to take into consideration the difference in the weather of the two days, we have a fighting chance of winning the sprints, a fine chance of taking the broad jump and the mile run, and probably the hammer throw. There is a probability greater than one that we shall have to be content with a second in the shot and discus events and that both the hurdles and the high jump will be won by Brown men, for at present there are no men at Tech that can better Captain Marble's time in the low and high timbers; and Bartlett's height of 5 ft. 6 1/2 in. and his team-mate's of an inch less, look good for first and second in the high jump.

In the half-mile, the two-mile and the pole-vault there is a toss-up as to the outcome, with an inclination towards our showing up well in the half with Stan Porter and Baxter to represent us, although Trinity had a good man in this event last year.

The band has a rehearsal Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock to prepare for the meet, and will be at the Mass Meeting Friday, in the lecture hall, E. E. building, at 5 p.m.

### Tech Show a Success

#### Full House Grooms Players

The Worcester Theatre has held large crowds when such as Lillian Russell, Sarah Bernhardt, etc., have been the attractions, but such crowds could not have exceeded that which on Friday evening witnessed and appreciated the initiation of Tech dramatics. Versatile talent was exhibited, and to express the opinion of all present, we use the word "Success": success from the time when the orchestra, whose playing could not have been improved, finished the overture until the drop of the curtain upon the stars of the evening.

That a task involving so many difficulties in its preparation and actual production should have been accomplished without a hitch is wonderful, and the junior class has given a creditable start to the W. P. I. Dramatic Society which has resulted from the combined work of the three undergraduate classes.

The play, "Eldern's Uncle," is the result of the efforts of Charles G. Gray and Howard P. King '12. Mr. Gray, a graduate of Clark '10, coached and staged the play. The plot of the play is as follows:

Eldern B. Fisher, 24, a student at Tech, has been sent to that institution by his uncle, Eldern B. Fisher, who had graduated from Yale in 1891, but during his sojourn there he suffered the loss of his sweetheart, who married a man that had not the athletic inclinations of the elder Mr. Fisher. Located in Australia he makes an immense fortune and as Eldern 24's guardian, he is determined that his nephew should attend a co-ed institution and not indulge in athletics, lest the latter spoil his matrimonial future. Accordingly, the uncle offers to give his nephew \$1,000,000 if he does the above and, besides, marries before his senior year. A telegram announcing the visit of the elder Mr. Fisher puts the nephew in an awful predicament, since he has neither wife nor any evidence of Tech being a co-ed school, and to elope a climax he is expected to row stroke on the varsity crew in their race against Hampton College. Eldern's chum, Fred Homer, comes to the rescue with the suggestion that some of the fellows dress as girls and thus make Mr. Fisher believe Tech to be a co-ed school. As for a wife, persuasion upon Mrs. Little, the boarding mistress, causes her to assent to her daughter May's acting as young Eldern's wife for the day. But here the villain has his say. The latter, covetous of Eldern's position as stroke, through foul means puts Eldern out of the way and is instrumental in showing the

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### Rensselaer a Victim

#### R. P. I. Players Could not Touch Capt. Nims' Winders

#### Lewis Knocked out of the Box

For the first time in three years Rensselaer Polytech came to Worcester, last Saturday, for an athletic game with W. P. I., on a clear day. Both the football and the baseball teams have had to play in the rain on the R. P. I.-W. P. I. day. But Saturday proved an ideal day for baseball and our team put up a pretty exhibition. From the time that the umpire called "Play ball," it was Tech's game. Captain Nims had the Troy men at his mercy throughout the game, for the visitors could not land on his twisters. Although "Sam's" arm was not in A-No. 1 shape, he used his beam, and when the R. P. I. men met the ball it was fielded in star fashion. It was not so with the Crimson and Grey. It took about one good look for the Hill men to get wise to Lewis' round-house out-shoot and then they would land on it right and left. Every man on the team got a swipe at the ball for at least a single, and several of the hoggish players took two or three bases. If the fence in right field had been two feet lower Stickney could have walked home on a long hit that he drove out into that section. After swinging twice at the ball in the third period, he met the ball squarely on the nose of the bat and the sphere sailed out and struck the right-field fence nearly at the top. The boy took three bases, but it ought to have been good for a homer; perhaps if the ball had been turning in the opposite direction it would have carried over into the lot beyond(?).

But where was the cheer-leader? It was not until the seventh inning that a murmur was heard from the audience in the way of Tech cheers. Then Harrington took it upon himself to start something. He took off his hat and led in cheers for the team and "songs for the ladies." It was well done, too, for in this inning Tech had the batting rally. There has been an official cheer-leader appointed, but where was he? There are only a few games of this kind that we can attend during the year, and—

One would think to hear the noise. 'Tis a school for mummy boys; Not a school for engineers Who have lungs for a Tech "three beers."

Perhaps if some compensation as a Tech "W" were to be given to an elected cheer-leader, there would be more system in the cheering. But even the yelling as it was and the songs in many keys seemed to give new life to the team, for every man had a chance to stand up at the bat. Nims

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#### CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 3.  
Y. M. C. A. meeting, 7 p.m., Mr. Clarence P. Shedd will have charge.  
THURSDAY, May 4.  
Aero Club meeting, 5 p.m., Boynton Hall, room 19.  
Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m.  
FRIDAY, May 5.  
A. I. E. E. lecture by Prof. J. H. Hunt on "Variable Speed Generators," 8 p.m., E. E. laboratory.  
Mass meeting for track meet, 5 p.m., E. E. building.  
SATURDAY, May 6.  
Tech-Brown-Trinity track meet, 2.30 p.m., Oval. Five hundred out!  
MONDAY, May 8.  
Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m.  
TUESDAY, May 9.  
Physics Colloquium, 4.30 p.m. Dr. Masius is the speaker.  
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Saturday's result in the ball-field, in a  
game against our legitimate rivals, was a  
credit to the team. We want to see the  
good work continue.

We congratulate the players and man-  
agement who carried through Friday  
evening's performance so successfully.  
It is the beginning of an annual affair  
that will help to fill the gap in the social  
life at the Institute. We look for a pro-  
duction of a Tech play a year hence and  
every other year that follows.

The State Republican party wants the  
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for governorship and so unite the now  
warring factions of the party. The Insti-  
tute needs the Mayor in the President's  
chair. The industrial world asks him  
to remain with the corporation with  
which he has long been identified. We  
wonder which will most appeal to His  
Honor.

### COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the News:

It is high time that the juniors erased  
the 12's from Memorial Wall. It was bad  
taste thus to deface Institute property  
in the first place and much worse taste to  
allow the numerals to remain two years.

Here are three reasons why the numerals  
should be removed:

1. They look bad.
2. They make 1912 look bad.
3. They make everybody feel bad.

The actual "perpetrators of the crime"  
should try to scrape them off, and if they  
can't do it they should hire a man with a  
sand-blast. Please—1912!—*Agitat.*

### SIGMA XI

The annual election of new members to  
the W. P. I. Chapter of the Sigma Xi has  
been held, and the following men have been  
elected: Raymond K. Morley, Ph.D.,  
instructor in mathematics, and the fol-  
lowing men from the senior class: A. L.  
Atherton, E. D. Beach, D. E. Carpenter,  
H. P. Conklin, P. S. Cushing, L. Davis,  
H. E. Hartwell, H. Z. Landon, C. T.  
Leigh, A. H. Reid, S. W. Sparrow, L. C.  
Stevens. The Society of the Sigma Xi  
was organized to encourage original  
investigation in pure and applied science,  
and the election of the members is made  
on the basis of the belief in their ability  
to develop original research in pure science  
and engineering.

### COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

The next business meeting is to be  
Thursday evening at 7.30, at which there  
will be a discussion on the final banquet  
of the year. The speaker for the social  
meeting Sunday evening will be an-  
nounced by Chairman Stewart of the  
Entertainment Committee.

### RENSSELAER A VICTIM

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singled and Lancey followed suit. Lewis  
then tried to catch Nims sleeping on sec-  
ond, but a wild throw allowed both Nims  
and Lancey to advance one base. Halli-  
gan drove out the third single, which  
scored Nims and Lancey. Stickney met  
it squarely, too, but it landed in the centre-  
fielder's paws.—One out. Norton then  
swiped at the first ball pitched to him, and  
he put so much ginger into it that the  
short-stop could not get him on first.  
Meanwhile Halligan went to third. Fran-  
zen followed and singled, which brought  
in "Halli" and Norton, but the batter  
was caught trying to take second.—Two  
down. Here came Brown's and Ruiter's  
three-baggers, both into deep centre  
where no one could touch them. McKenney  
sent the ball out into the same place, and  
it looked good for a third triple, but evi-

dently the fielder had moved back, for he  
got the drive after a run.—Three out, with  
five well-earned runs in. R. P. I. decided  
to change pitchers. The new man did not  
seem to be in trim, for he walked the first  
two men. Three sound cracks at the ball  
by the men following brought Nims in  
for the final score.

R. P. I. did their only scoring in the  
sixth, when Spear, with one man on base,  
hit for a home run. It was a splendid hit,  
but was so close to the foul line that Nor-  
ton, in left field, did not exert himself to  
recover the ball in time to get the man at  
third.

The score:

#### Worcester Tech

	a. b.	r.	l. b.	t. b.	p. o.	a.	e.
Lancey, 3b.,	4	2	1	1	3	0	2
Halligan, cf.,	3	1	1	1	0	0	1
Stickney, rf.,	4	1	1	3	1	1	0
Norton, lf.,	5	2	1	1	4	0	0
Franzen, 2b.,	4	0	2	2	0	3	0
Ruiter, ss.,	3	1	2	4	4	2	0
Brown, 1b.,	4	1	2	4	8	1	0
McKenney, c.,	4	0	1	1	8	4	0
Nims, p.,	3	3	2	2	0	3	0

Total, 34 11 13 19 27 14 3

#### Rensselaer Tech

	a. b.	r.	l. b.	t. b.	p. o.	a.	e.
Conklin, 3b.,	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ralli, cf.,	3	0	1	1	4	0	1
Schiller, lf.,	4	0	0	0	3	1	0
Spear, rf.,	4	1	1	4	0	0	0
Southard, 2b.,	4	1	1	1	2	1	0
Huyek, 1b.,	4	0	1	2	8	0	1
Lyler, ss.,	3	0	0	0	2	3	3
Schanky, c.,	4	0	0	0	5	1	0
Lewis, p.,	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Smith, p.,	1	0	1	1	0	1	0

Total, 32 2 6 10 24 12 6

W. P. I. 20 2 0 0 1 5 1 \*—11  
R. P. I. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2

Two-base hits, Huyek; three-base hits,  
Stickney, Ruiter, Brown; home run,  
Spear; stolen bases, Stickney, Norton,  
Brown; sacrifice hits, Halligan 2; double  
plays, by McKenney to Brown to Lancey,  
by Nims to McKenney to Brown; hits,  
off Lewis 12, Smith 1, Nims 6; bases on  
balls, by Lewis—Stickney, Ruiter, by  
Smith—Nims, Lancey, by Nims—Lyler,  
Lewis, Conklin, Ralli; struck out, Schiller,  
Spear, Huyek, Schanky, Lewis, Norton,  
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### TECH NIGHT A SUCCESS

A strange sight it certainly was to Tech men last Monday evening when they gathered in the Electrical lecture-room to celebrate the Y. M. C. A. Tech night and the installation of their first General Secretary. Not in the last few years have the fellows on the Hill seen their President, the President of the Board of Trustees, and alumni scattered over thirty years' time seated together on the same platform.

The programme was opened by orchestra selections, and then the real business of the evening started by L. H. Treadwell, the President of the Institute Y. M. C. A., in the introduction of Edw. F. Miner '87, chairman of the Advisory Committee. He opened the programme by outlining the work which the committee had done from the time of its formation till the present time. The first meeting was held about a year ago, and since then the committee has been chasing money and men for Tech. The money came easily with best wishes for the future. Mr. Miner stated that out of all the replies he received, but three lacked the Tech spirit which we covet for our Alma Mater. In contrast to these three, he placed a reply from Japan enclosing a check for \$25. Although unable to attend in person, former Professor Sinclair sent his kindly word of greeting and also a substantial check.

Mr. Miner then introduced Hon. Chas. G. Washburn, president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Washburn kindly thanked the chairman for inviting him to attend, but was somewhat embarrassed with the idea of making an impromptu speech. His embarrassment was added to by the fact that he was leaning on a Washburn drawing-stand such as he had worked on years ago. His embarrassment was complete owing to the number of good speakers who were to follow him. He won the good feeling of the audience by mentioning that it was back in 1875 that he was sacrificed on the same altar, and had keen memories of those semi-annual torturings.

A word of introduction by Mr. Miner brought the crowd to their feet to cheer Prexy with a "hika-kika." He stated that the evening's programme had appeared to him in printed form stating that it was to be a hilarious time, therefore Mr. Washburn; that all connected with Tech were to be there, therefore the crowd; and last, that he was to give the address of welcome, therefore he was there.

His idea was that the school work for trustees, faculty and instructors is altruistic. It is work for the other fellow. In the same way Y. M. C. A. work is all for the other fellow with all its thousands of members all over the world.

Speaking for faculty and students, President Engler extended the warmest of welcomes to the field director who had come to Tech to stand at the head of the Y. M. C. A. work.

Chief Spell-binder Fosdick came after an introduction, where he was left to prove his worth, and he did it. A minister by vocation he led off with a good story by comparing his position with a boy at his first circus and we were the circus. A religious faith should be the object of every man in the audience was his first thought for us, and also he emphasized the fact that we know so little, and the more we know the more we find there is to learn. The more that science delves into nature's mysteries, the more mysterious it becomes. The point, then, was that the man who knows the most is the one who appreciates his ignorance. With this mystery comes the question, whence came this universe? Religion comes under this mystery, and no one can separate himself from the religious mystery. Success in life comes through hope, and like those paths in Switzerland's mountains we need a guide.

Considering the mystery of life, science can give no answer if we ask the question, "What good comes of it anyway, at last?" The only answer can be found in a religious life.

The last speaker was Mr. Clarence P. Shedd, the new General Secretary. He was greeted with a rousing "Pi" by the students.

A Clark graduate of two years ago, and a successful man in everything he undertook, Mr. Miner introduced C. P. Shedd as the man of the evening. One of the earlier speakers spoke of inducting Mr. Shedd into office, but Mr. Shedd said he would have preferred to have ducked into office. Being the last speaker he said he felt like a bicycle wheel—the longer the spoke the more the tire, and decided to postpone his speech till the Wednesday evening meeting. He wished to express his thanks to all his new friends and to offer himself as a friend to all.

At the conclusion of Mr. Shedd's remarks, the President of the association on the Hill, on behalf of the association, thanked the members of the Advisory Committee for their earnest and devoted work in securing the new Secretary. The fellows then gave a hearty "Pi" for the Committee, to show their appreciation.

At the close of the programme refreshments were served to 300 men, and these were made more refreshing as the Orchestra and Mandolin Club played during this social hour.

The Reception Committee consisted of: Edw. F. Miner, chairman, Winthrop G. Hall, Professor Coombs, Professor Butterfield, M. F. Clement, E. W. Norton, A. A. Nims, H. F. Stuart, L. H. Treadwell.

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In the Rensselaer game the team had a chance to fatten the batting averages and they did. Every one got a wallop at the ball for a safe hit; nobody was left without at least a single. The last week of practice has been spent for the most part in batting practice, and it certainly told on the exhibition that was in order at the Oval last Saturday. The batting averages for the first three games, with the Academy, Springfield Training School and Rensselaer are as follows:

	A.B.	Hits	Ave.
Halligan,	11	4	.364
Nims,	6	2	.333
Ruiter,	10	3	.300
Brown,	11	3	.272
Norton,	11	3	.272
Franzen,	11	3	.272
Lancey,	9	2	.222
Waite,	5	1	.200
Stickney,	8	1	.125
McKenney,	11	1	.091
Kennedy,	2	0	.000
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## TECH SHOW

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elder Mr. Fisher that the "co-eds" are the boys dressed as girls. When the time of the race arrives and Eldern can not be found, the villain, known as Durgin, is ready to take his place as stroke, when Mr. Fisher interrupts. The latter, although angry that he should have been deceived by his nephew, after deliberation tells the Tech students he suspicions the whereabouts of his nephew. True to his suspicions his nephew is found bound and gagged in a room where he had been left by a couple of thugs in the employ of Durgin. Eldern rows in the race and the Tech crew wins. The story ends in the discovery by the elder Mr. Fisher that the boarding mistress, Mrs. Little, is his former sweetheart, now again single. Accordingly, they make up, all of which of course means the forgiveness of Eldern and his subsequent marriage to May Little. The drop of the curtain leaves the Tech students celebrating the boat victory at Worcester Common, where a fire is built of nearby fences and signs, despite the disapproval of the Worcester police. The pajama parade was second only to that of last November.

The most commendable feature of the play was its simplicity. The playing did not call for greater talent than was obtainable, and that obtainable was of high order. To select any one character as being interpreted better than another is impossible. As May Little, Edmund B. Cooper could not have been excelled.

Were it not for the fact that his identity was known, he would have deceived anyone, as was proven when after the show he marched along Main Street in his feminine attire. Cooper's acting was characteristic of the feminine sex and shows his wide experience.

May's quiet sister, Bertha, was ably characterized by Ernest Jefferies. Her charms were such as to captivate the senior grind (Walter G. Bullard), the latter acting his part with the skill of a professional. The difficult nature of this part, namely, its seriousness, endurance and fatigue, was no obstacle to Doc Bullard, whose realistic as well as humorous actions kept the audience in laughter.

Equally well did Ernest R. Taylor play the part of Mrs. Little. His voice, suitable to an elderly woman, and his good make-up were features which added materially to the success of the play. Our hero, Eldern, was enacted by Daniel J. Riordan; his natural bearing suited him for the part. Between good acting and good looks he acted well the part of a husband pro tempore; so well, indeed, that he took it for a steady job. The well-meaning but stern Uncle Eldern was portrayed by Edgar F. Tierney, whose acting also was of the superior quality, as was shown by the applause he received. As a chum to young Eldern and as a cheer-leader, John M. Walker fitted the shoes snugly. Never would one suspect that Lewis Wheeler would smoke and act the villain with such sincerity that we almost disliked him. Coach Fay's work will without doubt secure him his job for another season, while Mickey Dolan, whose proficiency as a chauffeur is beyond that of Davy Gallop or Joe Phelon, should be careful of his "tainted" money since the Book and Supply Department makes such large demands upon him. O you harem-skirt Bassett! You may have caused a riot, but it reached nothing more than laughter. But what surprises all is how ever Tierney could tell those fellows were not girls, whose make-ups were a great cause of amusement.

It was a clever thought of the management to secure the services of Mlle. Lucille Cushing. As a "soprano" singer she has no equal; her silvery notes will long linger in our ears, as well as her petite and graceful bearing.

It was a Tech Show; nothing could have been more so. The setting was of Tech; the characters were true of Tech life; the humor was of Tech and the play was acted with real Tech spirit. An orchestra, under Landon's direction, showed the vast improvement with the increased interest that the students have taken in it. Lastly, the audience was a true Tech crowd, and gave evidence that it thought the annual Tech Night should be of the character of that given Friday evening. Thanks and praise are due to the coach and management for their arduous work.

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